

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MS. ISABEL ALLENDE

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 1, 2014*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Ms. Isabel Allende, who was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama on November 24. Ms. Allende joined eighteen other bold and inspiring Americans at the White House to receive our Nation's highest civilian honor.

Beginning in 1945, American presidents have honored individuals who make particularly important contributions to "the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace, or to cultural endeavors." As an accomplished author and human rights advocate, Isabel Allende has promoted positive social change throughout the Nation and the world.

Since her first novel was published in 1982, Ms. Allende has reached extraordinary heights as an author. Her books have been translated into more than 35 languages and have sold more than 65 million copies worldwide. Ms. Allende has received numerous awards over the last 30 years, including the prestigious National Literary Award in Chile, her country of origin, and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Isabel Allende has established herself as a feminist force in Latin America's male-dominated literary world and as a strong advocate for social justice. In addition to writing, Ms. Allende devotes much of her time to human rights and the empowerment of women worldwide.

From activists who fight for social change, to artists who explore the furthest reaches of our imagination, Ms. Allende joins a distinct group of individuals who have pushed our Nation to reach new heights. Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to Isabel Allende for her singularly exceptional career, and for her outstanding record of service.

HEATHER GEYER

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Heather Geyer for her passion for local government and commitment to her community.

Heather started her career serving for seven years as the Assistant to the City Manager in Greenwood Village. She then moved to the position of Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Wheat Ridge in 2006. In her current position, Heather serves as the Administrative Services Director/Public Information Officer for the City of Wheat Ridge where she oversees the internal support services depart-

ment including Human Resources, Information & Technology, Finance, Purchasing and Sales Tax. She celebrates eight years at the City of Wheat Ridge in December.

Heather is also a huge believer in mentoring the next generation of women in government and is a founding member of Colorado Women Leading Government. This unique group is dedicated to advancing the role of women in local government. Heather has received numerous state and national awards for all her work. She continues to dedicate her extra time to her community as the president and budget manager of the Foothills Animal Shelter Board of Directors and as a board member for the Wheat Ridge Optimist Club.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Heather for her tremendous work mentoring and giving back to her community. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID ROGERS ON RECEIVING THE DAVID NYHAN PRIZE FOR POLITICAL JOURNALISM

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, December 1, 2014*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, with great respect, admiration, and appreciation, I would like to recognize David Rogers, who will today receive the David Nyhan Prize for Political Journalism from the Shoreline Center.

I can think of no one more deserving of this award than the "dean" of the Capitol Hill press corps. David has covered Congress for more than 30 years; he earned his stripes, and his work has the deserved reputation as the "gold standard for Congressional reporting."

His dedication to fair, honest reporting is readily apparent in every word he writes; as a result, Members of Congress, staffers, and congressional reporters alike respect what David has to say, and are better for having read his work.

After bravely serving our country during the Vietnam War as a combat infantry medic with the 1st Division in 1969, David's career as a journalist spanned some of the most important events in our Nation's history. He has covered school desegregation in Boston, broke the story on U.S. mining in Nicaraguan harbors, spent nearly two decades covering Congress and national politics in The Wall Street Journal, and now provides in depth coverage of the intersection of politics and policy at Politico. His work has been precise, wide-ranging, and important, a feat few in his profession have accomplished.

His knowledge of the inner workings of Capitol Hill is unparalleled—in particular, his perceptive work covering the Appropriations process, where I have had the privilege of working with him closely. David began covering the

House Appropriations Committee when few others did, and he is one of only a handful of people who possess a deep, institutional knowledge of the process. Through it all—hours-long markups, bicameral negotiations, and late-night floor debates—David's reporting has been smart, accurate, and makes a connection to the reader that conveys both the personal and the national importance of the issues he's covering.

So David, we thank you for your service and your commitment to integrity in journalism and in everything you do. I applaud you on this esteemed award.

HONORING MS. JOSEPHINE LUCEY

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Josephine Lucey. As a school board member from the Cupertino Union School District (CUSD) and the 2014 President of the California School Boards Association (CSBA), she has fought fervently to provide students in her community and throughout the state of California a high quality education.

Ms. Lucey is being honored for her immeasurable contributions to ensuring sound public education policies for her community and across the State of California. On December 13, 2014, Josephine's efforts will be recognized by her peers at the CSBA Annual Education Conference and Trade Show in San Francisco, California.

Ms. Josephine Lucey has championed bond and parcel tax measures to increase public education funding for both her local elementary and high schools. Her educational and community leadership roles include the Hoffmann Award Chair for the Santa Clara County School Boards Association, the Santa Clara Education Coalition, and the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization. Moreover, utilizing her experience in mechanical engineering and the aerospace industry, she contributed to the flight safety and mission success of the Space Shuttle flight STS-54, for which she was awarded the "Silver Snoopy" by the shuttle crew.

As President of the CSBA, Ms. Josephine Lucey has held various leadership positions on the CSBA's committees and councils. She chairs the CSBA's Business and Education Advisory Council and is a member of the Cities Counties Schools Partnership's Board of Directors. In addition, she represents the CSBA at education-related events throughout the state and country.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Ms. Josephine Lucey for her years of dedication and commitment to the California School Boards Association and to education. Her contributions have left a lasting legacy, which will benefit the lives of our students today, and in the future.

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